

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
January 2, 2015**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel
Excused – Lisa Derr

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bischoff to approve Minutes as corrected of December 5, 2014; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported that 10 years ago the Justice Facility received a loan of artwork to display on the walls in the facility. To honor this contribution by the Watertown Arts Council he will obtain 2 plaques, one to be hung in the Justice Facility and one to give to the Arts Counsel. They will get a picture taken to be put in the newspaper with a representative of the Arts Council, Judge Storck, Chair MaryAnn Miller and Geri Schrab. Motion made by Bischoff with second by Pollesch to approve the Resolution recognizing the Arts Council for their contribution. Motion carried.

The mock trial competition will be held on February 14, 2015 at the Justice Facility. Attorneys Tiffany Highstrom and Cassel Villarreal organize this event. Jim Ketchum will coordinate security with expenses for that to be reimbursed. Schraufnagel moved to approve the use of the building for this event with a second by Bischoff, motion carried.

Judge Storck explained to the Committee the reasons behind the request for the Contingent Appropriation request. He explained the process of needing doctors for psychiatric evaluations and how that worked into his budget. Because one provider did not send bills until late in the year for 2014, he did not know of these outstanding amounts for the 2014 year, and then also

used the 2014 numbers in calculating the 2015 budget. The large increase in the need for evaluations also affected the budget. The rest of the budget is in good shape, with increased revenue in independent counselor and guardian ad litem fee reimbursement areas. The Courts are checking on going to contract work for doctors for these reports similar to how the Guardian ad Litem contracts are used. Judge Sciascia reported that he would like to get between 4 and 6 contract doctors.

Motion was made to approve \$10,000 in contingent funds by Bischoff with second by Pollesch. No further discussion. Motion carried. This matter will go to the Finance Committee for appropriation. Money will be returned if it is not needed.

Judge Storck passed out a copy of the TAD grant to the Committee. The presentation will be made at the February, 2015 meeting. They will be asking for a resolution to transfer Alcohol Court funding from the Court budget to Human Services. Jim Mielke is in the process of putting that resolution together.

Clerk of Courts Report: No report

Child Support Report: No report – tour of that department will follow this meeting

District Attorney Report: Everything going smoothly with nothing further to report.

Medical Examiner Report: Numbers for the 2014 year are up with December being the busiest month this year. PJ Schoebel will be giving firm numbers to the Committee next month. He did not bring the evidence doll with him this month, but will do so next month.

Sheriff Office Report: There were no agenda items.

Committee was advised by Pat Ninmann that she had received notices yesterday that all employees, including Chief, of Village of Clyman handed in their resignations. She will be reaching out to the Village Chairman.

Sheriff-elect Schmidt invited the Committee to his swearing-in ceremony to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 in the Branch 1 Courtroom.

MaryAnn Miller thanked Sheriff Ninmann for her years of service to the County, and was joined by Judge Storck and DA Kurt Klomberg.

Other business: Presentation by Child Support Agency – Bernie Mueller explained her staff and the duties of the Agency, along with reimbursement policies of the State. She explained that the State reimburses 66% for her department, and they also receive funding based on performance, with Dodge County being in the top one-third of the State.

Applications for service are free.

They joined the State Call Center in 2011 and by using this, the local staff is able to work on their cases instead of answering the phone. She provided the Committee with the amount of calls that are covered by the call center. The contract with the Call Center is for a flat monthly fee.

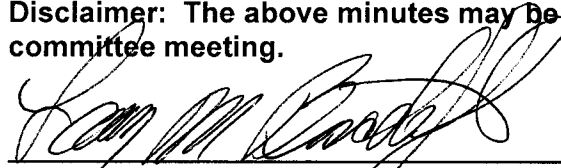
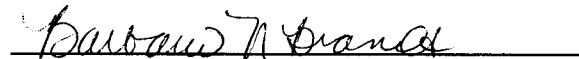
Her Department started efilng with the Clerk of Courts Office in November of 2014. They are looking forward to a software update toward the end of 2015 for their word processing.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m. with tour of the Child Support Agency offices following the meeting.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary
Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary